Renovation of thodus.

15. **MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that owing to thodu poramboke land and adjoining banks being washed away during rainy season large areas of paddy land become silted up and remain uncultivated in various parts of South Travancore;

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken to prevent the above state of affairs; and

(*c*) what steps, if any, have been taken to renovate the thodus (തോട്) at Machayil in Marukil pakuthi, Kottukal in Kottukal pakuthi whose banks have been washed away years ago with the consequence that large areas of paddy lands remain silted up and uncultivated?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Improvements to the Machayil thodu have been investigated and the estimate is under preparation. As regards the Kottukal channel the maintenance grant has been increased from Rs. 100 to Rs. 200 per mile and an estimate for special improvement work is under preparation.

Minor Irrigation tanks.

16. **MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of minor irrigation tanks yet to be renovated in the taluks of Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum; and

(*b*) the area of paddy land which will be irrigated by them if they are renovated?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI:

	No. of tanks to be renovated	*Ayacut acreage.*
(*a*) & (*b*) In Neyyattinkara taluk	258	3000
In Trivandrum	150	2500

Kayamkulam—Adur Road.

17. **MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the very bad condition of the Kayamkulam – Adur Road especially within the Municipal limits of Kayamkulam; and

(*b*) how long has it been in that condition?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Manimala bridge.

18. **MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the Manimala bridge is under water during rainy seasons;

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(*b*) are they aware of the fact that yearly several cases of drowning occur due to accidents on account of the bridge being under water during rainy seasons;

(*c*) are they aware of the fact that the bus services from Punalur to Mundakayam and Kottayam to Ranni are generally being suspended during rainy seasons because of the Manimala bridge being under water; and

(*d*) what is the action the Government propose to take to redress the grievances of the people due to the uselessness of the Manimala bridge?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes, during high floods.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes, bus services are suspended when there is water over the bridge.

(*d*) None at present as the bridge is a submersible one and its use is limited to periods when there are no high floods.

Major irrigation works in Neyyattinkara and Vilavancode.

19. **MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any investigation has been made *re* the construction of a major irrigation work for the benefit of the ryots in Neyyattinkara and Vilavancode taluks;

(*b*) if so, what has been the result of the investigation?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes, a preliminary investigation has been made.

(*b*) Further data are being collected, as such a large scheme cannot be launched without complete data.

Renewal of gun license.

20. **MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE**: Will the Government be pleased to state how many applications from the Muvattupuzha—Devicolam taluks were received for the renewal of the gun license in the month of Karkatakam 1118, how many of which were renewed during that month and in the month of Chingom 1119 and how many were not renewed during that period?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*):

	Muvattupuzha.	*Devicolam.*
(*a*) Applications received in 12/1118	18	108
(*b*) Applications renewed in 12/1118	6	33
(*c*) Applications renewed in 1/1119	4	56
(*d*) Applications not renewed during that period	8	19

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